



Please fill in an answer to each question.

Keep your answers fairly brief, ideally 2/3 sentences maximum.

Your name, your age and your home town/city:

Answer: Gary Bullock, 52, Brinscall (Chorley)

The church you are serving:

Answer: St Paul's Withnell and St Barnabas Heapey

Tell us about your family:

Answer: Married To Carolyn, with three children Keren (17), Jennah (15) and Nathan (9) and four guinea pigs (Tufty, Sian, Wag and Tigglet)

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: I'm a finance professional, and still am being self-supporting, working three days each week as Finance Director for Our Daily Bread Ministries - a Christian charity which seeks to make the life-changing wisdom of the Bible understandable and accessible to all

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: After initially applying six years ago, with Bishop Philip's support and encouragement I applied again, as he was convinced I would be better equipped to lead and serve the family congregation planted at St Paul's Withnell three and a half years ago.

What's been the best thing about your training?:

Answer: Seeing the different ways God equips those he has called to serve Him



What's the most important thing you have learned?:

Answer: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Phil4:13

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: To be able to follow the commission Jesus has given to all who would follow Him – baptise, make disciples and teach obedience to everything Jesus has commanded.

One thing about you people would be surprised about?:

Answer: I was the only parent in my daughters ballet class allowed to do 'buns' when it came to exams!

Your favourite quote:

Answer: "Well, that's all in the sequences ... if we can skip whatever we don't absolutely need, and turn things on in the right order, maybe... (from the film Apollo 13 as the process to rescue the crew starts)

Unfulfilled ambition?:

Answer: Travel to South America

How do you hope to support the new Diocesan vision of 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' at parish level?

Answer: To continue to work out a pattern of Sunday worship which meets the needs of young families and provides the opportunity for families to grow together in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

What is your own vision for the church?:

Answer: To be a community that listens to God, follows his word, and introduces as many as possible to the transforming message of the good news about Jesus



How do you relax?:

Answer: walking across a fell or moor